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1. Since 5 March 1952 civil air transport passenger traffic from Hankow to Chungking has been stopped, and it is rumored the air facilities were diverted to emergency air shipments.
2. On 9 March, 1,000 anti-epidemic suits were shipped to Beijing from the Wuch'ang blanket and clothing factory of the Central and South China Military Area Supply and Service Command. This shipment followed a 1 March speed-up order

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requiring their completion within seven days.

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3. In late March there were cholera and typhoid cases in Tsingtao, Chefoo, Ch'inhuangtao (119-35, 39-57), and Tientsin. Bubonic plague was spreading in the Ch'inhuangtao, Ch'angli (119-08, 39-43) and Shanhaikuan (119-44, 40-00) areas, and as a result only northbound passengers were permitted on the Peiping-Mukden railroad. <sup>1</sup>

4. Chinese Communist authorities were unable to prevent the rapid spread of Bubonic plague in China. Soviet authorities sent Japanese prisoner-of-war bacteriological warfare experts to the Antung-Mukden railroad area, and the Chinese Communist Government in Peiping sent a delegation of legal experts to this area and to North Korea to obtain evidence of bacteriological warfare by United Nations forces. They reported as follows:

a. Approximately 300,000 in the Antung-Mukden railroad area and 800,000 in North Korea died as a result of the Bubonic plague epidemic. The number of deaths from plague in these areas was increasing and conditions were most serious in the Manchurian-North Korean border area.

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b. The higher the humidity, the more rapidly the plague spreads.

5. Members of the Chinese Communist Government Medical Department came by air from Tientsin to Canton to prepare for shipment to North China such medical supplies as blood serum and DDT obtained

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6. The Government ordered that plague victims be cremated. In cities the area within a 50-meter radius of the death place was ordered isolated, and in villages the entire village area was ordered burned.

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7. In early March the plague was spreading in Manchuria. It had started in Kirin and K'aiyuan (124-05, 42-36), and was spreading west toward Kalgan.

8. In late March all freight train service north of Changchun was suspended because of the epidemic. <sup>1</sup>

9. The Soviet Union has assigned one anti-epidemic squad to North China. <sup>4</sup>

10. In early April, because of the plague outbreak in Sungkiang, Kirin and Liaotung provinces, Northeast Manchuria, the Chinese Communists banned movement north of Sachihliao (卅至里堡), just north of the Dairen area.

11. In these infected areas of Manchuria, because of the lack of medical supplies, only Soviets, Chinese Communist political workers, and certain loyal citizens are being inoculated by Chinese and Soviet roving medical teams.

Comment. in mid-March (possibly on 13 March) one K-5 (sic) transport with 28 members of the Shanghai anti-epidemic team left Lunghua Airfield, Shanghai, for Peiping.

2. plague in the Canton area was under control.

Comment. The Chinese Communist Government is refusing International Red Cross aid because it fears a resulting loss of the people's confidence in their government and lowered morale among the troops.

3. Comment. reported on DDT and blood serum purchases in Hong Kong.

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4. [REDACTED] Comment. The size of a squad was not reported. [REDACTED] 25X1  
[REDACTED] a large number of Soviet doctors were in  
Peiping supervising the north China anti-plague campaign.

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